**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Anthikad.)*—Has the Dalal and Company been exempted from payment of Income-tax, the company to which we paid Rs. 30,000 as commission?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—I want notice.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi).*—What are the special reasons for not allowing the Trikkur Bridge Contractor exemption from Income-tax?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer).*—The terms offered for that were not as favourable as for the other.

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Anthikad).*—Is there any correspondence between the Dalal and Company and the Government for assessing them with Income-tax?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—I want notice.

**Mr. President.**—Whom do you mean by 'We'. The Cochin Government is not aware of payment of any commission. Hon'ble Members should not make such irresponsible statements.

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Anthikad).*—For the collection of loans the company was paid about Rs. 30,000.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—I want notice.

## Questions—Budget Session, 1111 and Legislative Session, 1112—number received and answered.

6. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of questions received for the Budget Session, 1111;

(b) the number of questions received for the Legislative Session of 1112;

(c) the number of questions answered from (a) and (b)?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) No. received 312, No. admitted 303.

(b) No. received 598, No. admitted 512.

(c) 232 and 375.

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**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know why out of the 303 only 232 questions have been answered?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—With reference to the rest information to enable the Government to answer the question was not available at that time.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether any of these questions have been subsequently repeated in the legislative session?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—I want notice. Probably some of them might have been repeated.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri)* —Are we to understand that all questions on which answers were ready had been answered during the budget session?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Mostly.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Are we to understand that some questions for which answers were ready were un-answered?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Probably there may be a few.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—May I know the reasons?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—The policy of the Government is to take up 25 questions per day so that there may be sufficient time to put supplementary questions within the one hour. If more answers are given some questions may remain unanswered. We have been following that policy and you will find from the answer that sometimes more than 25 questions have been answered.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—At the rate of 25 questions will it not be 275?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Then why has the Hon'ble Member answered only 43 less than the scheduled number.

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**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—During one day there were no questions as it was the New Moon day.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether as a result of this policy on many a day questions have been finished within twenty minutes?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Sometimes it may happen. But generally it does not.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—In view of that answer may I know whether it will not be possible to answer more than twenty five questions and supply information that is available?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—What stands in the way of the Government accepting it?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Our experience shows that if we put more than twenty-five questions most of the questions may remain unanswered.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—What is your experience with regard to exhausting the questions within 20 minutes?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—That is only exceptional.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Even excluding the famous New Moon day are there not 18 questions still remaining on that account?

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—What are the objections to the Government to answer all questions for which answers are ready during the last two or three days?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—We have answered about 375.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Are we to understand that there were questions unanswered although answers were ready?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Probably, there may be a few.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Why, may I know the reasons?

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**Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—But the number is 512.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Government are not at all anxious to suppress any information. Sometimes it so happens that answers are not available and so they don't answer.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—But the answers are there.

**Mr. President.**—It is a matter of procedure of the Government and the Hon'ble Members have no right to question the procedure.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—It is for the members to devise a means for that. They may enter into an agreement and it is for the non-officials to decide those questions on which they do not put supplementary questions and not for the Government.

**Mr. President.**—But the Government have to give answers on the floor of the House.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—When we find that 30 questions are answerd and when we find only 25 questions to which we can put supplementary questions, an agreement will be come to that only 25 out of the 30 questions shall be picked out—that is, important questions—on which supplementary questions are to be put.

**Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar** *(Trichur North).*—In Mysore, there is a procedure adopted. The answers of such questions are printed as appendix to the proceedings of the Legislative Council. The answers of such questions as are ready but as have not been answered on the floor of the House are there published, so that the information will be there. There are some questions that get lapsed which won't be answered at the other sessions. If the Government will be pleased to publish those answers as appendix to the Council Proceedings, that will give a lot of useful information and it will save the trouble of repeating those questions.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—May I know whether the Government will consider the trouble of Hon'ble Members by making them put questions again and again?

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Anthikad).*—Have the Government passed any orders on the amendment to Standing Order No. 12?

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**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—I didn't have any reply to my question.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—That is the trouble, that they have to repeat.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—Yes. Repeat, repeat and repeat.

## Kudiyiruppu and Verumpattom Tenants Bill—circulation of—particulars regarding.

**7. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of persons to whom the Kudiyiruppu and Verumpattom Tenants Bill was circulated for opinion;

(b) how many of the persons in (a) are Verumpattom tenants and how many are jenmies;

(c) how many of the persons in (a) have sent up their opinion;

(d) has any one other than those whose opinions have been printed and circulated amongst Members of Council sent up their opinion; if so, who are they?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) 90 individuals and 6 public bodies.

(b) The information is not available.

(c) 8.

(d) Yes; Mr. P. I. Ravi Kaimal, B. A., B. L., Vakil, Trichur.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—With regard to sub-section (b) the answer is that the information is not available as to whom the bill was circulated. May I know whether the Government have got a list of individuals to whom the bill was sent up?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Certainly. Government have got a list.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—From the list is it not possible for the Government to tell the House whether all the 90 individuals to whom the Kudiyiruppu

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